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The City of Hartford joins the nation in the celebration of National Infant Immunization Week

The City is Sponsoring Activities to Promote Childhood Immunizations

National Infant Immunization Week is observed from April 24-30, 2005 and the Hartford Health & Human Services Department is working hard to increase awareness of the need for residents to have their children vaccinated at an early age.

Now in its eleventh year, National Infant Immunization Week focuses attention on the tremendous benefits of immunizations to the health of children. Eighty percent of children's vaccinations are given in the first two years of life to protect them against disease, disability, and even death. Nationwide, and in Connecticut, vaccination is at an all-time high and diseases are at an all-time low. Vaccine-preventable diseases have been reduced by more than 99 percent since the introduction of the vaccines.

Hartford's health care providers do an excellent job to immunize children on time. "I want to congratulate the Immunization Program Staff and our Partners on the amazing work that has been done in the past decade bringing Hartford's immunization rates up", says Ramon Rojano. "Vaccines have proven to be safe and effective and provide the best protection against infectious disease. We must continue our mission to ensure that all children are adequately immunized".

The City of Hartford Health and Human Services Department is sponsoring activities to promote childhood immunizations. Mayor Eddie Perez will proclaim Hartford's National Infant Immunization Week on 4/24/05. There will be information tables and small give away for children birth to age two in the Lobby of the Burgdorf Health Center at 131

Coventry Street, Hartford on Tuesday and Thursday, April 26th and 28th between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Activities will also take place at the WIC office on Park Street on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The activities are part of a national effort to increase the number of children younger than two who need to receive vaccinations against preventable illnesses.

For more information about the National Infant Immunization Week or immunizations, call Leticia Marulanda at (860) 547-1426 extension 7033.